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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment, Postcard, and one (1) set of formal drawings in the above-identified patent application. Since the due date of filing the Amendment fell on Saturday, May 26, 2007 and Monday, May 28, 2007 was a Holiday, the Amendment is being timely filed on Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Any fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	37	41	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	4	0 x 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

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